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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To improve the availability of a communication circuit which secures the connection between a terminal which transmits the retrieving condition information and an information retrieving device which retrieves and sends the information correspondent to the retrieving condition information to the terminal in reply.

CONSTITUTION: A deciding part 20 decides whether the value of the retrieving condition information received from a terminal 2 is larger than a prescribed level or not. Then the part 20 turns on and off a switch part 21 to switch the connection state between a device 1a and a communication circuit 3. For instance, if the information value is smaller than a prescribed level, the cut-off/ reconnection (interruption) processing is not carried out for the communication circuits requiring much time. Instead the information retrieval/answer processing is carried out. Meanwhile the circuit 3 is interrupted and opened for other communication purposes if the information value is larger than a prescribed level.